were interviewed by a Selection Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri P. N. Haksar with Prof. Randhir Singh of Delhi University, Prof. Yoginder Singh of Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Director Nehru Memorial Museum and library as members. The committee recommended 10 candidates for the above fellowships. In addition, the Committee considered 18 applicants for senior fellowships in the range of Rs. 2000/- 2500 and rcommended 5 candidates after going through their academic record, research experience etc. The constitution of the Committee was approved by the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society.

(e) As per provisions of the Fellowship scheme the Selection Committee, on the basis of his scholary eminence and other academic research credentials, also recommended Dr. S. Gopal for the award of Senior Fellowship.

(f) Since no complaint has been received by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and the Department of Culture, no action has been taken.

Restrictions on the sale of platform tickets

1099. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made about the outcome of the recent restriction on the sale of platfrom tickets at Delhi, New Delhi and Hazrat-Nizamuddin stations during peak hours from 6.00 to 8.00 A. M. and 4.00 to 6.00 P. M., if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the total loss of revenue daily from the sale of platform tickets as a sequal to such restrictions;

(c) whether these restrictions are likely to be made a permanent feature; and

(d) if so, what are the arrangements made for proper guidance of unaccompanied passengers particularly ladies and physically handicapped to locate their reservations to get the services of porters and lot of other problems being faced during peak hours at the arrival and departure of long-distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Although, there was appreciable reduction in the congestion on the platforms during the period 1-2-1986 to 10.2.86 when the experiment was carried out, the public did not like such a restriction.

(b) The earning from sale of platform tickets during this 10 day period was less by Rs. 5160 as compared to the corresponding 10 day period of last year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise. The experiment was tried out for only 10 days.

Amount spent on the Family Welfare Programme during the last Three Years

1100. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the voluntary organisation being mobilised for family planning and what kind and quantum of help is given to them;

(b) what is the amount spent during last three years on the family planning;

(c) whether Government propose mobilising political parties to promote family planning. and

(d) if so, what is the assistance required?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Voluntary Organisations in the medical, health and socio-economic sectors are being encouraged to play an active role in the implementation of family welfare programme.

Financial assistance to such voluntary organisations is being provided directly by the Central Government or through the state Government who have been delegated powers to sanction grant-in-aid for an individual scheme as per approved pattern up to Rs. 5 lakh per annum. The schemes relate to provision of services, motivation, training and research.

(b) 1982-83 —Rs. 288·32 crores.

1983-84 —Rs. 382·98 crores.

1984-85 —Rs. 289·99 crores.

(Provosional ffgures)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Political leaders including M.Ps. have been urged to lend their active assistance and support to promote acceptance of family welfare programme.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicle Act

1101. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that study group constituted by the Department of Surface Transport have made a number of recommendations for amending the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, what is the gist of main recommendations;

(c) what is the Government decision on these recommendations; and

(d) by when the Act is likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major recommendations made in the report of the Working Group on the comprehensive Review of the Major Vehicles Act, 1939 include:—

(1) removal of multiplicity of permits for goods vehicles by recommending only two categories, namely, the intra-state and inter-state permits;

(2) Revised Scheme for all-India tourist permits for buses where the permit holder can chose a minimum of five States including home-State for operations, without counter-signature requirement and with facility of single-point taxation;

(3) Inclusion of new schemes such as Rent-a-Cab system, Vehicles on lease-agreement.

(4) Insertion of new categories of Vehicles such as mini-bus, maxi-cab camping trailers vans private service Vehicles, trackless trolly etc.

(5) Simplification of procedure of grant of permits such as initial grant of State-wide permits for goods vehicles and contract carriages and automatic renewal for